Salato Wildlife Education Center

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Summer



Events

Kentucky Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Resources, #1 Sportsman's Ln., Frankfort, KY 40601 • fw.ky.gov

June - August 2010

Salato Wildlife Education Center honors the 2010 volunteers

The Salato Wildlife Education Center honors all of the hard working volunteers that keep Salato a special place to be. More than 150 volunteers serve as conservation interpreters, work special events, maintain trails and work in the greenhouses. Their hard work might go unnoticed by the public, but we sure couldn't do it without them!

Each year we honor our volunteers during an award banquet with good food, memories and awards. This year's Volunteer of the Year award went to Seth Logan for the outstanding overall job he does at the Center! The Salato Center often helps college interns reach their goals for school. For 2010 the Salato Center honored Jenny Butler, from Midway College, with the intern of the year award. Conservation interpreters are those volunteers that serve the public with information about native wildlife or our agency. This year's



Seth Logan, Volunteer of the Year recipient with Salato Education Administrator, Emily Hogue.

winners are B.J. Whaley, Loren Taylor and Stephen Hunt. The volunteers in the Habitat Education Program, previously the Native Plant Program, that were honored were Susan Harkins and Sandie Larson. A million thanks to our volunteers who demonstrate enthusiasm, responsibility and are excellent stewards of Kentucky's resources. Congratulations to our volunteers!

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Tuesday - Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and Monday: Closed

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Monday, July 4: Independence Day



This issue will be your last Salato Calendar of Events. Not to worry, you can find all of our wonderful programs online at *fw.ky.gov*. Click on the Salato Wildlife Education Center tab and follow the links to the Calendar of Events. You can also check out all of the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife's events by visiting our website and clicking on the events tab. Feel free to call our number at (502) 564-7863 for any questions.

Our Location

The Salato Wildlife Education Center is located at the headquarters of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, on U.S. 60 1.5 miles west of U.S. 127 in Frankfort.



PROGRAMS WITH FEWER THAN FIVE PEOPLE REGISTERED are subject to cancellation.

To register for one of the workshops, please call us at (502) 564-7863.

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June 4 Salato Sampler

Saturday, 6 – 9 p.m. Cost: \$60 Participants: Ages 21 and up

If you like good food, good music and fine beverages - then join us for an evening at the Salato Wildlife Education Center. The Salato Sampler is a fundraising event for Salato for future exhibits and projects. Participants will have the chance to collect free bourbon glasses, taste delicious Kentucky Proud food, bid in a silent auction and listen to great music! There will also be Kentucky beer and wine to taste. All proceeds from this event benefit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation, a non-profit foundation that supports the needs of the Salato Center. For any information on purchasing tickets please call 1-800-858-1549 extension 4445.

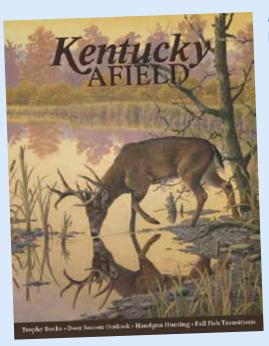
June 8



Wednesday, noon – 1 p.m. Cost: Free. Limit: None Participants: All are welcome!

Do you know which turtle you can find in your back-yard or which one you can spot in your neighboring creek? Bring your lunch and join Salato Center's Jamie Cook for a close up look at Kentucky's amazing turtles and to learn more about their habitats. No registration required.

Looking for a great Father's Day gift?



Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, brings you the best in hunting and fishing in the state. You get four issues a year plus a bonus calendar featuring outstanding wildlife photography. The calendar, published in December, is packed with tips and information about Kentucky's outdoors. Kentucky Afield makes an ideal gift for any outdoors enthusiast! It costs only \$10 a year to subscribe, or \$18 for two years. Subscribe online at fw.ky.gov and click on the Kentucky Afield link. Or you can make a check payable to Kentucky Afield magazine and mail to:

Kentucky Afield Magazine #1 Sportsman's Lane Frankfort, KY 40601

June 18 Trek the Pea Ridge Trail

Saturday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost: Free. Limit: 20 Participants: Ages 12 and up

Getting outside and exploring the natural world is one of the best ways to get connected to wildlife and the great outdoors. Join the Salato staff for a guided hike along our Pea Ridge Loop Trail. We will explore for signs of wildlife, learn about native trees, and the local history of the land. Be sure to wear appropriate shoes, bring water, and pack a snack if you like. The Pea Ridge Trail is not stroller accessible due to rugged terrain and is approximately 3½ miles in length. Program may be cancelled due to bad weather. Registration is required.



June 11, July 9 and August 13 Safari Saturdays (for ages 3–6)

Bring your little ones to the Salato Center on the second Saturday of every month for a fun-filled morning of activities. This program is designed to foster within your child a connection to wildlife and the outdoors. Every month will have a different theme to promote nature awareness. Parents or chaperones must remain with their children during the program. All programs are from 10-11 a.m. **Pre-registration required.**





Salato June 4, 2011

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Salato Wildlife Education Center

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collect glasses featuring Kentucky bourbon page 4 **Summer Events**



Professional Development

June 22 Teach Kentucky Workshop

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost: \$15. Participants: Adults. Great for educators, nonformal educators, and naturalists

In this workshop, educators will learn about Kentucky's unique ecosystem and how to apply those concepts in a classroom setting. For example, many kids can identify endangered species in other parts of the world, such as tigers and panda bears, but most have trouble identifying endangered species found in Kentucky. The more kids understand about our native wildlife the more investment they are likely to make in protecting, preserving, conserving and managing our ecosystems. We'll also learn about adaptations of Kentucky's native plants and animals, their ecological roles and their habitats. Participants will receive a Teach Kentucky notebook containing additional exercises and activities for the classroom. Registration and pre-payment required.

June 23 Project WILD Aquatic

Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$20. Limit: 20. Participants: Great for nonformal educators, teachers, Scout and youth leaders In this workshop, teachers and youth group leaders will explore the fascinating world of water. Activities help students use critical thinking skills while highlighting water's importance to people, wildlife and habitat. This program includes an afternoon tour of the Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery near Frankfort and sampling in the Elkhorn Creek. Each participant receives a curriculum guide, reference materials and other valuable resources. Bring appropriate shoes for sampling near water. Lunch is on your own. Registration and pre-payment required.

June 24 Project WILD

Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost: \$20. Limit: 25 Participants: Great for nonformal educators, teachers, Scout and youth leaders This highly acclaimed, award-winning curriculum teaches students how to think, not what to think. Project WILD offers KERA-compatible, interdisciplinary, hands-on activities emphasizing wildlife and the environment. Each participant receives a curriculum guide, reference materials and other valuable resources. Lunch is on your own. Registration and pre-payment required.

July 13



Brown Bag Lunch Series: Wildflower Folklore

Wednesday, noon – 1 p.m. Cost: Free. Limit: None Participants: All are welcome!

Do you know which wildflowers were used as medicine by Native Americans or which ones can be harmful to you? Join us for lunch as Tavia Cathcart, co-author of Wildflowers of Tennessee, the Ohio Valley and the Southern Appalachians, explores the myths and folklore of our native wildflowers. Participants will get a chance to take home their own native wildflower with their free raffle ticket. No registration required.

July 23 Birding by Ear Hike

Saturday, 8 a.m. – noon Cost: Free. Limit: 15 Participants: All ages

Ever wonder who is singing that sweet morning song? Learn how to identify birds with this introductory workshop on the basics of birding. Birding is a challenging way to increase your awareness of



July 16 Herpetology House

Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost: Free. Limit: None. Participants: All are welcome!

Kentucky's native reptiles and amphibians are crawling in from damp and dark places for you to view and enjoy at the 10th Annual Herpetology House. More than 100 species of reptiles and amphibians live in Kentucky. Last year, more than 60 species were represented! Guest speakers from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and other organizations will offer presentations about Kentucky "herps" that we're sure you will find both educational and entertaining. No registration required.

our melodic songbirds. We'll introduce the basic tools necessary, give you ideas for where to go birding, and help you with identification techniques. Participants will view a brief slide show of some common resident birds before trying out their skills! We'll provide binoculars, but you can bring your own if you prefer. Program may be cancelled due to bad weather. **Registration is required.**

July 29 Project Growing Up WILD

Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost: \$20. Limit: 20 Participants: Great for nonformal educators, teachers, scout and youth leaders

Project Growing Up WILD is an early childhood education program that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. Through a wide range of activities and experiences, Growing Up WILD provides an early foundation for developing positive impressions about the natural world and lifelong social and academic skills. Each participant receives a curriculum guide, reference materials and other valuable resources as long as they

stay for duration of selected course. Lunch will be on your own. **Registration and pre-payment are required.**

July 30 Biologist in Training for Kids

Saturday, 1 – 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$10. Limit: 20 Participants: Ages 8 and up

If you have a kid interested in learning about insects and who loves to wade in streams, then this program is perfect! Kentucky is home to a great diversity of fish and other aquatic species and in this program we are going to teach kids how to identify common insects in our streams. These macroinvertebrates teach us about water quality and we will show you the ones that can only live in clean water. All participants will receive a biologist-in-training booklet filled with activities. After an introduction, we will take on off-site trip to the Elkhorn Creek for close up observations of aquatic species. Be sure to bring water, wear sunscreen, wear old clothes that can get wet and shoes that are suitable for wading through water. Program may be cancelled due to bad weather. Registration and pre-payment are required.

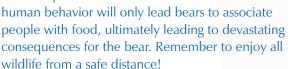
View our Calendar of Events online:

fw.ky.gov

Just click on "Upcoming Events" to search for activities at Salato or across the state.

Black bears are on the move!

Kentucky is home to a growing black bear population. Bear sightings will be on the rise during the summer months and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources encourages you to be bear aware! Let the bears remain wild by not leaving food scraps out for them. This bad



Want to support the Salato Wildlife Education Center or the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife?

Even if you don't hunt or fish, one of the best investments you can make in conserving Kentucky's abundant wild-life resources is the purchase of hunting and/or fishing license. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources offers its diverse services to all Kentuckians without relying on general tax fund dollars. Department operations are primarily funded by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses!

Do you want to see more WILDLIFE?

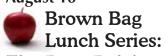
Did you know about 95% of the land in Kentucky is privately owned? The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources works cooperatively with landowners to improve habitat and wildlife quality through the Habitat Improvement Program (HIP). There is no charge or obligation for participating in this program, and you will NOT be required to allow hunting or other public uses of your

land. Whether you enjoy observing wildlife, hunting or photography, this is a conservation program dedicated to increasing the diversity of wildlife species on your property. To find out more about the Habitat Improvement Program or other programs, contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at 1-800-858-1549 or visit us at *fw.ky.gov*.





August 10



The Bugs Rule!

Wednesday, noon – 1 p.m. Cost: Free. Limit: None Participants: All are welcome!

We share the world with about a million species of six-legged beasts we call insects. A handful of them sting us, eat holes in our sweaters, and spread some serious disease, but many others make our fruits and vegetables possible, clear our forests of dead wood and keep us from being overrun by other insects by eating each other. Come experience a few of the 15,202 special insects that call Kentucky home. Discover the many different ways they breathe and eat and sense

their surroundings. Learn how they survive freezing winters and how smart they really are. Observe how they are all alike, but the also the ingenious ways they are different. One of our beetles is among the strongest animals (proportionately) in the world. One of our moths is the largest in the country. Come meet them all. No registration required.

August 20 Evening Owl Prowl

Saturday, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Cost: \$10. Limit: 20 Participants: Ages 7 and up

We can mimic owl calls, but nothing compares to hearing the real thing. These amazing creatures make sounds that are beautiful and eerie all at once. Join us for an early night hike and we will try to entice a few of our nocturnal birds into giving us a hoot using recordings of different calls. We'll explore different adaptations these birds have and even dissect a few owl pellets! Please wear appropriate shoes and bring a flashlight for the hike back. Registration and prepayment required.

August 27 Tree I.D. Hike

Saturday, 10 a.m. – noon Cost: \$5. Limit: 15 Participants: Ages 12 and up

Take the time to meet your woody neighbors with this easy hike led by our Salato staff. We will cover many simple techniques to help you learn to identify common trees to your area. All

participants will receive a tree identification book to help continue practicing their skills at home. **Registration and pre-payment required.**

Don't forget!

Halloween
Walk with the
Animals

Saturday, October 29 1 – 5 p.m.

National Hunting and Fishing Day

Saturday, September 24